



JOIN THESE DATES ON YOUR

CALENDAR



Tues., Apr. 29 - OPC Annual Awards Dinner and Ball. Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Grand Ballroom. 7:30 p.m.

(See story, this page.)

Wed., May 7 - OPC Film Preview - "A Time to Love, A Time to Die." Preview Dinner from 6:00 p.m. Film, 8:00 p.m.

The film is Universal's dramatization of Erich Maria Remarque's novel.

Reservations for dinner and/or film at OPC. The film is free. The dinner, including door prizes, at the OPC, is \$3.00 per person. Seats are limited.

3 SPEAKERS SHARE OPC DINNER HONORS

Three leaders of the international political and military scene will be speakers at the nineteenth Annual Awards Dinner and Ball of the Overseas Press Club in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Tuesday, Apr. 29.

They are Sir Leslie Knox Munro, New Zealand's Ambassador to the U.S., Major General George Randolph Pearkes, newly-appointed Canadian Minister of Defense; and Rear Admiral George J. Dufek, famous Polar explorer, and Task Force commander of "Operation Deepfreeze" in 1956-57.

In addition to his ambassadorial duties, Sir Leslie heads the New Zealand delegation to the United Nations and is president of the Twelfth UN General Assembly.

General Pearkes is the only Canadian now wearing the ribbon of the Victoria Cross, the British Commonwealth's highest award for valor. During World War II, he commanded Canadian forces in two hemispheres. General Pearkes will fly in from Paris for the dinner where he is expected to deliver a report on the Paris sessions.

Admiral Dufek led a group of seven Navy men who landed by plane on the South Pole in 1956 and set up radar reflectors. He is now supervisor of all U.S. programs in the Antarctic, succeed-

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THOMAS WHITNEY ELECTED 1958-59 PRESIDENT; CASSIDY, WILHELM, ROBB VICE PRESIDENTS



THOMAS P. WHITNEY

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Overseas Press Club of America on Tuesday, April 22, elected *Thomas P. Whitney*, AP foreign news analyst, as President of the Club to succeed *Cecil Brown* for the coming year.

The election was largely carried out by mail ballots, with only some sixty persons appearing in person, despite the fact, that 876 ballots were cast.



CASSIDY

Whitney, who received 602 votes for the presidency, will head a slate of officers which will include *Henry Cassidy*, NBC, as First Vice President; *John Wilhelm*, McGraw-Hill, as Second Vice President; and *Inez Robb*, United Features, as Third Vice President.



WILHELM

John Luter, running unopposed, was named Club Secretary.

Elected to two-year terms on the Board of Governors were *Harrison Salisbury*, N.Y. Times; *Ansel Talbert*, N.Y. Herald Tribune; *Larry LeSueur*, CBS; *Richard de Rochemont*, Vavin; *Pauline Frederick*, NBC, and *Will Oursler*, author.



ROBB

Elected to one-year terms on the Board of Governors were *Will*

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THE RESULTS!

Pres.: Thomas P. Whitney 608
(Cecil Brown) 267

1st Vice Pres.: Henry C. Cassidy 621

2nd Vice Pres.: John Wilhelm 537

3rd Vice Pres.: Inez C. Robb 476

(Larry G. Newman) 443

(Cornelius Ryan) 359

Secretary: John Luter 785

Treasurer: A. Wilfred May 550

(Dorothy Omansky) 293

Elected Governors (two-year terms):

Harrison E. Salisbury 573

Ansel E. Talbert 451

Larry LeSueur 450

Richard de Rochemont 365

Pauline Frederick 352

Will Oursler 325

Elected Governors (one-year terms):

Will H. Yolen 293

Sigrid Schultz 253

Elected as Alternates to Board of Governors:

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2nd Alternate: Matthew Huttner 214

3rd Alternate: William L. Ryan 206

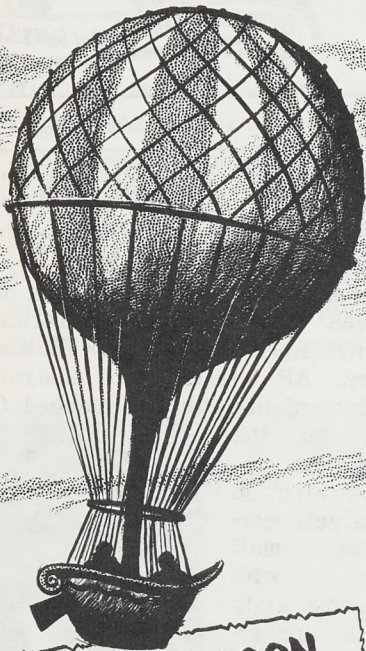
4th Alternate: Ralph Major 204

Continuing on Board:

Robert Conway, Norman Cousins, Ben

Grauer, Larry Newman, William Safire

Air Facts



2 MEN, 1 BALLOON AND NO PANTS!

ON A WINTER AFTERNOON IN 1785, JEAN PIERRE BLANCHARD AND DR. JOHN JEFFRIES SET OUT ON THE HISTORY'S FIRST FLIGHT OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL. HALFWAY ACROSS, THEIR BALLOON BEGAN LOSING ALTITUDE. TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD, THEY THREW EVERYTHING OVERBOARD—EVEN SOME OF THEIR CLOTHING. TWO HOURS AFTER LEAVING ENGLAND THEY ARRIVED IN FRANCE—WITH A NEW WORLD'S RECORD...AND NO PANTS!



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New Zealanders and OPCers Join For Gastronomic Feat

The OPC and the New Zealand Parliamentary Press Gallery collaborated in an experiment in "journalistic fraternity and international gastronomy" Monday when a five-course New Zealand Regional Dinner with punch, beer and wine was served to 150 diners at the OPC.

The dinner, planned largely by long distance telephone calls, expanded international communications still further with two New Zealand-New York 'phone calls between Sir Leslie Munro and OPC President Cecil Brown at the U.S. end, and the Honorable Michael Moohan, New Zealand's Postmaster General, and Graeme Connolly, Wellington Press Gallery chairman, at the other, during the evening.

Sir Leslie, New Zealand Ambassador to the U.S. and President of the Twelfth UN General Assembly, will forward to the Wellington Press Gallery a special OPC plaque, carrying the Club crest and reading:

"Presented to the Parliamentary Press Gallery of New Zealand for distinguished service to journalistic fraternity and international gastronomy - New York, April 21, 1958."

Although ice from the Tasman Glacier which cooled the special Stewart Island oysters was approved by the U.S. Health Dep't., the fresh Passionfruit for the Tauranga Fruit Cup was banned. It arrived at the OPC after being confined to cans.

This constrained, canned, fruit was dubbed by Sir Leslie as "unrequited passion fruit" during his talk.

Sir Leslie spoke briefly and pungently about the plans, purposes and results of the regional dinner, saying, "Tonight's way of getting to know my country better is very good. You have enjoyed a meal in the New Zealand



OPC President Cecil Brown (right) hands the 'phone to Sir Leslie Munro - "Postmaster General Michael Moohan and Graeme Connolly calling from New Zealand." He also gives Sir Leslie the OPC plaque inscribed to the Wellington press group which was read to Connolly, chairman of the Wellington Press Gallery.

tradition of the Twentieth Century. In earlier periods, we ate differently. A little over 100 years ago, we had cannibals. The Maori, who took a dim view of his neighbor - if successful, simply 'et him.' Normally he preferred the meat of his own kind because it is less salty than ours. So you see, the Maori is as much the connoisseur in his way as we are in ours."

The food was brought to the U.S. by the Matson Lines.

George McCadden, vice chairman of the Regional Dinners Committee who coordinated arrangements for the dinner, was interviewed by Dave Dugan on "This Is New York," WCBS, on Apr. 17 - a seven-minute interview on this and all OPC Regional Dinners. It's the first time the subject has had radio coverage.

REEDY GETS NEW POST

Tom Reedy was appointed to the new position of AP chief of Scandinavian services last week.

The former chief of bureau at Stockholm, Sweden will supervise and coordinate AP news coverage and distribution in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. His headquarters will remain in Stockholm.

Reedy has been with the AP more than twenty years, and with the foreign service since 1946. He was correspondent at Berlin prior to going to Stockholm in 1956.

Reedy's successor as Stockholm chief of bureau will be Lars Eklund, now news editor.

FUND ELECTS TRUSTEES

The Correspondents Fund of the OPC elected the following members as trustees to fill vacancies on Apr. 1: Edward W. Barrett, Inez Robb and Emanuel Freedman.

DATeline TAIPEI

Jim Lucas, Scripps-Howard papers, was here for a twelve-day tour of the island and an interview with Chiang Kai-Shek.

Geraldine Fitch

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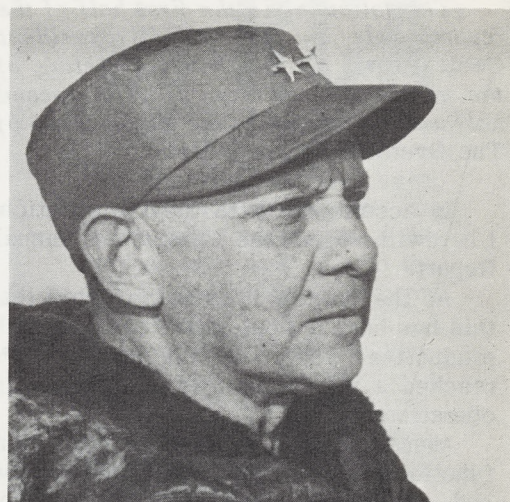
Political and Military Figures to Address OPC



SIR LESLIE MUNRO



GENERAL GEORGE R. PEARKE



ADMIRAL GEORGE J. DUFK

3 SPEAKERS (Continued from page 1)

ing the late Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Meanwhile, members of the various committees for the Annual Dinner, under the general chairmanship of *Cornelius Ryan*, worked feverishly during the week to clean up final details, insuring that the 1958 affair will be the most successful in OPC history.

One of the highlights of the dinner will be the appearance of the second annual issue of *Dateline*. Chairman of the Committee this year is *Ben Wright*. As was the case last year, the magazine will be distributed to the guests by ten Conover beauties acting as glamorous "newsboys" for the evening.

Dateline's top editorial feature will be a story by *Bob Considine*. Based on the results of a questionnaire distributed to OPC members, it tells pointedly of the likes and dislikes of newspapermen.

Elmo Roper, who prepared and tabulated the survey, said "I feel the attitudes and opinions expressed by the members of the OPC on such questions are of particular importance to all citizens. Except for members of the State Dept. and perhaps the group of U.S. Senators on the Foreign Relations Committee, I can think of no other group eminently qualified to judge our country's posture as compared to other nations."

"They have eye-witnessed the wars and social upheavals that have shaped our history; they have scratched the words of the mighty, as well as of the foolish, into their notebooks; and, for a great many of them, it can truly be said that the whole world is their beat."

At last reports, the Grand Ballroom is booked almost to capacity. The Committee reports that the rate of reservations now pouring in assures a virtual sell-out. Members wishing to telephone their reservations may call the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, ELdorado 5-3000, and ask for the "Overseas Press Club line."

FOR RESERVATIONS!

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MBS ASSIGNS FOR FAIR

Three Mutual Broadcasting System "Newsbeat" correspondents have regularly been assigned to cover the Brussels World's Fair. They are *Eddy Gilmore*, AP, and *William Sunderland*, UP, to alternate in "Newsbeat" reports from the Fair site, and *Edmund Stevens*, from Moscow.

ELECT ARROWSMITH PRESIDENT

Marvin Arrowsmith, AP, was elected president of the White House Correspondents Ass'n. on Apr. 21. He succeeds *Francis M. Stephenson*, *N.Y. Daily News*.

Other officers elected included *Felix Belair*, *N.Y. Times*, on the executive committee.

ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

Edward Brause was elected vice president - public relations of Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corp. Brause has been director of public relations since February 1950, and was elected assistant vice president of the organization in April 1957.

GERMAN ED. ON MAY 2

Mr. *Werner Friedmann*, editor of *Suddeutsche Zeitung* and owner of *Suddeutsche Verlag* will be a guest of the OPC on May 2.

The Cocktail Press Conference is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on the third floor.

PEOPLE & PLACES

NBC News cameraman *Henry Toluzzi* and correspondent *Welles Hagen* to Accra for conference of independent African nations...NBC News correspondents *W.W. Chaplin* and *John Chancellor* took turns covering the abortive revolt in Cuba; correspondents *Rowland Gould* and *Robert Kroon* covering the Indonesia civil war.

Edwin Muller, *Reader's Digest* roving editor, back from three months in North Africa and heads-of-state interviews... *Leon Dennen* leaving for a two-month business tour of Europe and North Africa...*Newsweek* general editor *Phil Clarke* and *Ben F. Carruthers*, acting account director for Belgian Gov't. (Communications Counselors, Inc.), join the Brussels safaris...*Burton Benjamin* (CBS' "The Twentieth Century") off to Finland, Ireland and Europe for 1958-59 shooting and film-gathering season.

J.D. Sanderson's novel *Boy With a Gun*, on adolescent participation in Hungarian revolt, published Apr. 17... *Howard L. Kany* back from European swing for CBS Newsfilm...*Helen Hector*, *Reader's Digest*, back from Brazil and three days in Brasilia, the country's new capital...*Ken Giniger*, Hawthorn Books, back from five-week European visit with publishers and authors...*John Groth* in the Arctic doing paintings for *Fortune*.

Stanley Karnow leaving in early May to open new *Time-Life* bureau in Rabat, Morocco, encompassing Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and French West African federation; he's completing year at Harvard as Nieman Fellow.

Mrs. Betty Granger, Women's editor of *Amsterdam News*, was honored for twenty years in journalism by Chi Delta chapter of Alpha Chi Pi on Apr. 13.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

(The following is the first half of the report made by the 1957-58 President Cecil Brown to the Annual Meeting of the membership on Apr. 22. The second half will be carried in the May 3 issue of The Overseas Press Bulletin.)

In accordance with the Constitution, I herewith submit the President's Annual Report.

At the outset, it is to be noted that this has been a most active and generally productive year, in which the OPC reached a new plateau of maturity in its operations.

Membership has increased, Club functions have been many and varied and generally interesting, stimulating and of wide-ranging benefit to the membership and to the cause of journalism.

At the same time, the financial picture of the Club has not improved and has, in fact, worsened on the basis of current income versus current expenses. Numerous efforts to bridge the gap between income and outgo were undertaken. They have not been entirely successful.

In the Feb. 8 issue of *The Overseas Press Bulletin*, there was circulated to the membership a President's report, as approved by the Board of Governors, on the general financial problems facing our organization.

The report detailed our fiscal dilemmas and suggested a series of possible courses of action.

Some of those actions have been taken. Thus there is a reasonable prospect that the current operating deficit may be reduced or possibly erased within the near future.

Efforts for Special Income

Numerous efforts are underway to gain for the Club special income. These include the sale of a TV program, of conducting special tours abroad from which the Club would gain a substantial income, and from special theatre and movie benefits. Other special events contemplate producing revenue.

However, it is my view that such special sources of revenue are to be considered icing on the cake, and not considered in devising annual budgets.

The fact remains that the OPC budget should, and in fact for healthy operation must, be geared to regular demands for expenditures.

It is essential here to note that the net operating deficit for the year is approximately \$13,000 to Apr. 1.

The net working capital stands at approximately \$87,000 as of Apr. 1 as contrasted with \$112,000 a year ago.

It is thus evident now, as it has

been for some time, that there is a need for both additional regular income for the Club and further reduction in expenses.

As I pointed out in the Feb. 8 report, it is not sufficient for us to break even. The Board of Governors had undertaken a commitment to maintain the net working capital at \$90,000. The reduction from \$112,000 to the current \$84,000 has come about as a result of the operating deficit and in the capital investments represented by the redecoration of the dining room and improvements in the kitchen. Treasurer *Wilfred May* will report finances in detail.

To Erase Deficit

As president, it has been my responsibility to chairman both the Executive Committee and the Committee for Planning and Development.

These two committees, after a series of meetings, proposed, and the Board of Governors approved, several steps designed to erase the net operating deficit.

These steps are: To hold *The Bulletin's* annual expense to the Club to \$12,000 — that the House Operations Committee explore the means of increasing the net annual profit, mainly from the dining room and the bar, by \$5,000; a recommendation that the Placement Committee cut expenses from \$3,000 to \$1,000 a year, that the dues of affiliate members be raised from \$150 to \$200 a year; that the Treasurer analyze administration costs, to determine whether and where expenses can be cut.

The financial facts are that these recommendations do not go far enough either in increasing revenues or reducing expenses.

Let me cite one example: We recently signed a labor contract affecting dining room and kitchen personnel which will cost the Club approximately \$5,000 a year above our current costs of operation. In the face of rising costs, the cost of services to the members has not increased.

Tribute to Chairmen

In my view, it is a great tribute to the devoted efforts of various committee chairmen that our financial picture is not worse. Not only have they adhered to their budgets but they have also arranged functions that would call for the use of the dining room facilities.

Your officers have endeavored all this past year, in the face of rising costs, to maintain dining room and bar prices at a rather stationary level. This is

contrary to economic facts. It is, however, consistent with the desire of many members. I can only repeat here what was stated in the Feb. 8 report: The economic facts of life require a more realistic appraisal of the charges for the services available to members.

Now we come to a real estate matter.

With a current membership of 1,900, a size that is a tribute to the prestige and usefulness of OPC, there is more use of the Memorial Press Center facilities than ever before.

For some time questions have been raised about expanding our quarters. But more pertinent to the issue is the fact that the building next door has come on to the real estate market.

This matter has been discussed by the Executive Committee, and to some extent, by the Board of Governors. As one result, I have set up a special *ad hoc* committee to study the real estate matter.

The immediate situation is this:

The asking price of the building at 33 East 39th street is \$155,000. Preliminary estimates suggest that it would require approximately \$100,000 to make the building useful as an addition to present quarters.

Could be Adapted

Preliminary engineering examinations show that the building next door could be adapted, from an engineering standpoint, as an addition to our present quarters.

We have secured, at no cost, a nine-month option, expiring in November, on the building. This was secured for the purpose of giving us an opportunity to undertake the following steps:

To determine whether the building next door could be adapted for use as an addition to our present quarters.

To examine in detail the capacity of the OPC to operate financial quarters double the present size.

To submit this real estate proposition, along with the financial projection of operating much larger quarters, to the Correspondents Fund.

To offer proposals to the Fund on how the money for acquiring additional space could be raised.

As most of our members know, our present quarters are owned by the Correspondents Fund. The Club is the tenant on a ninety-nine year lease at an annual rental of \$8,000.

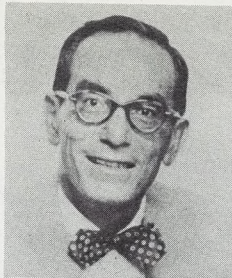
If the building next door were made part of this building, it would appear that the Correspondents Fund would have to be the owner of the combined building.

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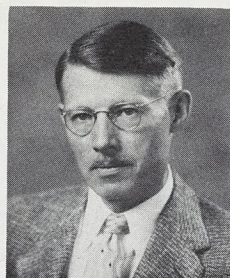
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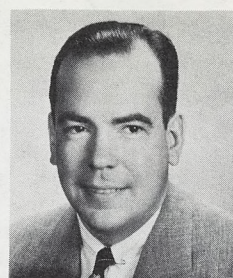
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MAJOR

WHITNEY ELECTED

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Yolen, Club Secretary during the past year, and Sigrid Schultz, veteran foreign correspondent. These offices became vacant when two Governors holding unexpired terms were elected to other offices.

Elected alternates on the Board of Governors were John F. Day, CBS; Matthew Huttner, Chairman of the OPC Radio-Television Committee, William L. Ryan, AP foreign news analyst; and Ralph Major, advertising executive.

The annual meeting ran a fairly uneventful course from 7:30 p.m. until midnight, when the results were announced marred only by one bitter outbreak over

the report of the Foreign Journalist Liaison Committee, prepared by Committee Chairman Gertrude Samuels and read for her at the meeting in her absence.

Her proposal to issue two-month visitor cards to many foreign journalists, irrespective of the status of press freedom in their home countries, provoked nearly an hour of pro and con oratory, causing the President to call a recess, at the end of which time the meeting reconvened and voted to table the matter. Reports of the committees will be carried in future issues of *The Bulletin*.

A portion of the annual report of the retiring president, Cecil Brown, is carried on page four of this issue, the remainder to follow next week. The report was accepted by the meeting with a special vote of thanks for his devotion to Club work during the past year.

MAURICE (BUD) KANES PARENTS

Bud Kane (Public Relations Board) and wife, Eleanor Scheece Kane, (former *Seattle (Wash.) Star* reporter and head of Portland, Ore., bureau of Fairchild News Service) became parents of a second daughter on Apr. 17.

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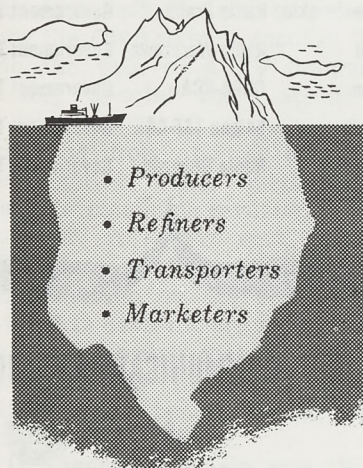
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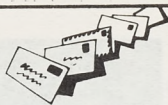
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LETTERS



Dear Editor,

Regarding the OPC's relationships with foreign press clubs and journalists, I agree with *Christopher Emmet's* statement that "Communist countries should be in a special category, just as fifteen years ago that would have been true of Fascist countries" - and for these reasons:

Journalists from Russia or Communist satellites who are allowed to come here will be carefully screened individuals. Exposure to our free press is more likely to reinforce their preconceived opinions since they will see us through their perceptual context just as we perceive Communism from our own unsailable position.

We should have enough experience by now to realize that Communists view cooperation strictly as a one way street.

Matthew A.R. Bassity

New York

Dear Editor,

Christopher Emmet is right in objecting to OPC guest privileges for Soviet "newsmen," i.e. Soviet government spokesmen, yes-men and agents. It will be a sad day for the Club when each member must peer over his shoulders to see whether the Soviet guest on duty in the bar or the dining room is listening. Exchange privileges for foreign press clubs and foreign newsmen - yes, but a Communist is neither a newsmen nor a foreign correspondent in the sense in which we understand these proud terms.

Norbert Muhlen

New York

Dear Editor,

I always read *The Bulletin* from cover to cover and in spite of the fact that I find very few friends mentioned as active newsmen abroad, I enjoy it very much. I would like to point out that the stories on what a correspondent should or should not do while working outside this hemisphere are the ones most interesting to me. Therefore, it would be a shame if the circulation is reduced or the publication of *The Bulletin* is discontinued. *The Bulletin* is a real link among people who make their living as I do mine."

Luis Leon

Lima, Peru

GOING TO MEXICO?

Amador A. Marin, representative for El Presidente Hotel in Acapulco and El Presidente Hotel in Mexico City, says special courtesies will be shown all OPC members at mention of his name; for further information call him at JU 2-5720.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AFFILIATE

PAUL V. SPILLAR - Loewy-Hydropress Div. of Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corp. (PR). Proposed by *Dan Blank*; seconded by *Will H. Yolen*.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

ASSOCIATE

Per Kristen Gregers Amby - Dagens Nyheder (Copenhagen)
Sidney Engel - Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (Geneva).
Casey Hirshfield - Hablemos.
Curtis Mitchell - free-lance.
Joseph Wyker - Needlework Publications.

AFFILIATE

James P. Freeborn - W.R. Grace & Co.

MIXED DRINK CONTEST

OPCers are invited to the "Early Times National Mixed Drink Competition" at the Essex House on May 20 (2:30 p.m.) to watch judging and sample original mixed drinks. Competition is open to professionals only. *Joe Scholnick*, Brown-Forman Dist. Corp., arranged the invitation.

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